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SUBJECT: SADAT ON LEBANESE SITUATION

1. JUNE 25 LOCAL PRESS REPORTS PRESIDENT SADAT'S INTERVIEW WITH LEBANESE MAGAZINE AL-SAYYAD IN WHICH HE DISCUSSED CURRENT LEBANESE SITUATION. HE ACCUSES QADHAAFI OF HAVING "SPENT A GREAT DEAL TO FOMENT FIGHTING WHENEVER IT HAS ABATED" BUT ASKS "TO BE EXCUSED" FROM TALKING ABOUT SOVIET UNION OR ANY OTHER COUNTRY IN THIS CONTEXT. (COMMENT: IN JUNE 20 COLUMN IN IN AKHBAR, EDITOR IN CHIEF MUSA SABRI WRITES THAT QADHAAFI HAS SPENT 35 MILLION POUNDS "TO KINDLE THE FIRES OF SEDITION IN LEBANON".)

2. MORE IMPORTANT, HOWEVER, ARE THE "ELEMENTS" THAT "ENCROACH UPON THE SOVEREIGNTY OF LEBANON"; THIS PROBLEM, SADAT, SAYS, HAS PROMPTED HIM TO CALL FOR MEETINGS BETWEEN PRESIDENT FRANGIE AND ARAFAT. EGYPT, HE ADDED, IS NEVER ABSENT FROM LEBANESE ARENA, BUT EGYPT'S LANGUAGE OF REALISM AND SUPREME NATIONAL INTEREST IS NOT UNDERSTOOD BY SOME

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PEOPLE.

3. COMMENT: ALTHOUGH NOT THE FIRST TIME THAT SADAT HAS LINKED LIBYAN MONEY (HE HIMSELF HAS NEVER SPECIFIED PARTICULAR AMOUNT) WITH CONTINUING LEBANESE CRISIS SITUATION, THIS FIRST TIME SADAT HAS INDICATED PUBLICLY WHOM ELSE HE CONSIDERS TO BE AT FAULT. REFERENCE TO FRANGIE/ARAFAT TALKS IN CONNECTION WITH PROBLEM OF LEBANESE SOVEREIGNTY APPEARS TO US TO BE BROAD HINT THAT SADAT TAKING PALESTINIANS TO TASK FOR GOOD PORTION OF LEBANON'S CURRENT DIFFICULTIES.
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